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Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §116

This is in response to the final Official Action in this case mailed June 28, 2006.

Applicants are filing this response within two months of the mailing date of the Action or by August 28, 2006. Applicants believe no extension of time fee is required. However, Applicants conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

PLEASE DO NOT ENTER AMENDMENT

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